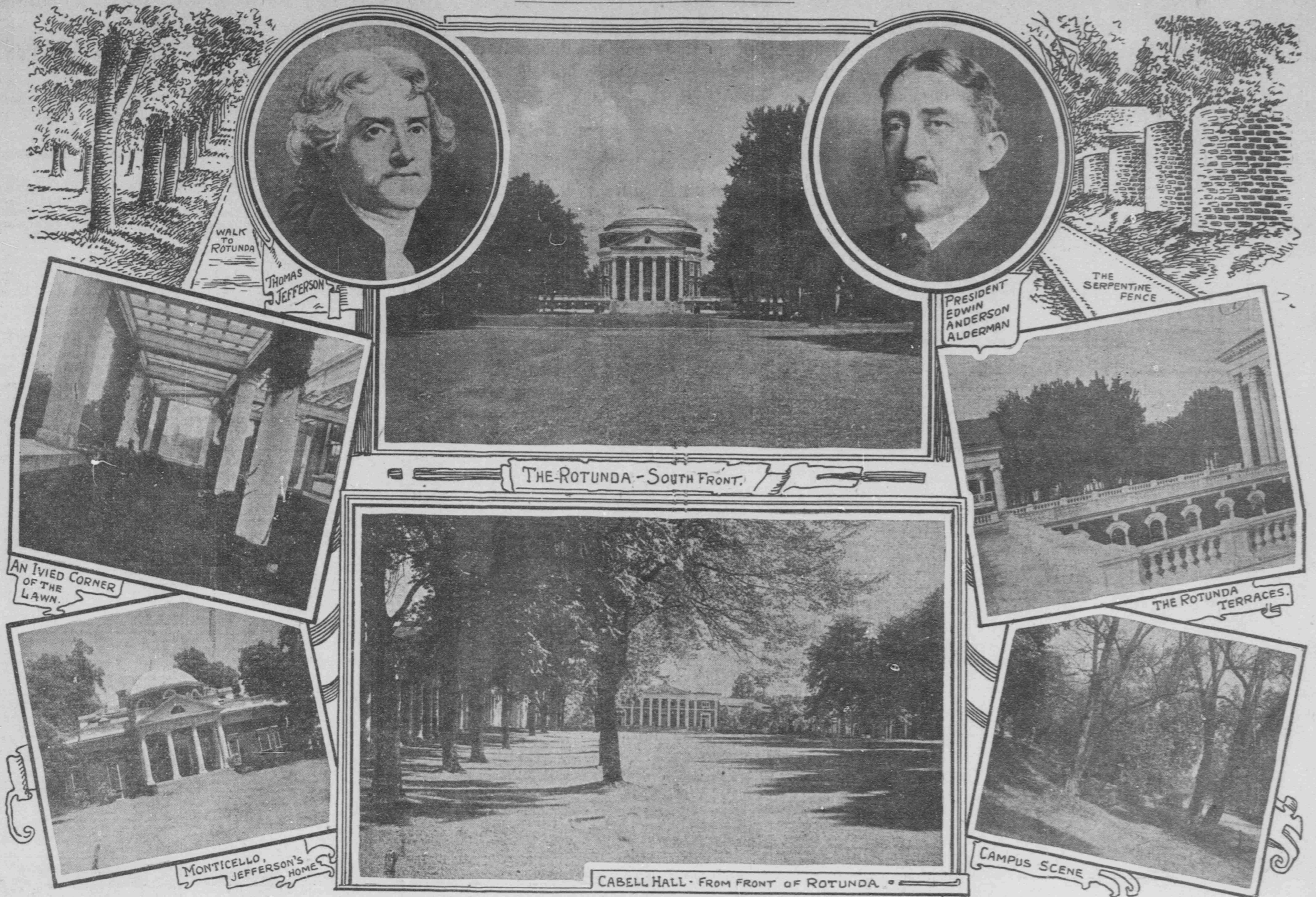


## HISTORIC UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA AT CHARLOTTESVILLE—ITS FOUNDER AND PRESENT HEAD.

HIGH HONOR PAID  
TO ALMA MATERFounder's Day Observed at  
University of Virginia.

## ALUMNI VIE WITH STUDENTS

Anniversary of Birth of Thomas Jefferson, Founder of the Institution, Celebrated in Unique and Significant Manner—Hon. Martin W. Littleton Delivers Oration of the Day.

By WALTER JOHNSON.

Charlottesville, Va., April 13.—Founder's Day at the University of Virginia, one realizes to-night, bids fair to become a rival of final day in its interest and in the formalities with which it is celebrated. There are very few distinct holidays in the university calendar, and Founder's Day can hardly be called a holiday; yet, from the events of to-day, it would seem to be the greatest intention of the president, faculty, board of visitors, students, and alumni to give to this particular day a unique and significant character.

But what is Founder's Day? This question was frequently asked to-day during the celebration. Even students at Virginia asked, some of them innocently supposing that it marks the anniversary of the founding of the university. This was a natural, but radical, mistake, unless we begin the University of Virginia with the birth of the man who was proud to call himself its father. But the university was the child of Jefferson's old age, and was not actually opened to students till the year 1825. Jefferson, its father and founder, was born in 1743, April 2, old style—new style, April 13, and celebrated this date, April 13, as Founder's Day, the day of Jefferson's birth.

The two main features of the Founder's Day celebration, so far as its historical or intellectual phase is concerned, consisted of the address by the invited orator, and the annual statement by the president of the university.

## The Faculty in Costume.

Founder's Day is one of the three occasions during the year upon which the faculty appear in academic costume, the other two being convocation, early in the session, and final day, when the degrees are conferred. The landscape and architectural features at Virginia lend themselves most readily and effectively to the proceedings.

The students to-day, under their appointed marshals, assembled on the white terraces that surround the red library building known as the Rotunda. They formed in procession according to departments and then marched in a long double file down through the center of the great lawn straight toward the main entrance of Cabell Hall, the large building at the south end of the lawn, in which is the main auditorium.

hundred yards in length, so that about the time the front of the student procession entered the hall the front of the faculty started down the Rotunda steps.

## Cynosure of Eyes.

The students did not wear costumes, and in consequence the faculty had the satisfaction of knowing that the women and children, with now and then a specimen of the male species, that flanked the lawn under the arcades on either side were directing most of their admiring gaze upon them. With their flowing robes, their tasseled caps, and their ample sleeves and hoods that displayed every color of the rainbow, they marched with stately pride down the green lawn, bordered by the double rows of budding trees serene in their learning and dignity, the fit cynosure of the assembled throngs. In spite of this, however, a number of the prettiest girls, as usual, persisted in following the student procession into the hall ahead of the distinguished professors. Such is life.

Full many a prof is dressed to blush unseen,  
And waits his plumes behind the dressing fair,  
While some raw soph or freshman goes  
Doth know that she will chase him anywhere.

The shade of the democratic Jefferson hovers near at such times, and thinks of how things were done in his day; and yet he is mightily delighted with the spirit of progress and the constant working out of his fundamental ideas. He would as soon have demanded that a man should always wear the coat that fit him when a boy, as to expect that laws and institutions should never be modified to meet the changing conditions of development, must be highly gratified in the spirit to observe the perfect graces that are being so naturally and properly assumed by his youngest and dearest child.

After filing into the auditorium to the sounding pipes of the great organ, the president, faculty, and distinguished guests took their accustomed places on the large platform. The students clustered about them upon the rising tiers of the amphitheater, while the admiring women, the visiting alumni, and the men from the city found places as near and as comfortable as possible. The addresses were listened to with intense interest, the president's statement was followed item by item, and finally the organ sounded the recessional; the processions moved out in reverse order, and the rest of the audience followed at its convenience.

## Annual Meetings Held.

For a number of years it has been the custom of the alumni, who have organizations in all of the great cities and many of the smaller ones in the United States, to select Founder's Day as the time for holding their annual business and social meetings. For example, the chapter in St. Louis, with its eighty-three members, the Washington City Chapter, with its 130 members, the Richmond and the New York City chapters, with a membership of 360 and 285, respectively, generally have a meeting on April 13 for the election of officers and delegates to the annual meeting of the general association, the business session being followed by a banquet or other social function. It is a happy and growing custom for the local chapters and the class secretaries to telegraph a message of greeting to the alma mater, this message being sent early enough in the day to be read from the platform during the celebration exercises, which begin at 12:15 p. m. These customs were generally observed to-day in the various cities.

The social features of Founder's Day were more emphasized to-day at the university than ever before, for one of the chief objects of the celebration was, as in previous years, to bring the institution and all her sons into a closer and more vital and more organic relationship. In the evening a reception was given by the faculty to guests and alumni in the rooms of the Colonnade Club, on the west lawn. The clubhouse is perhaps the most historic building at the university, as

well as the oldest, being the one in which the three Presidents—Jefferson, Madison, and Monroe—used to hold their educational conferences, and the one in which the library and reading room were located when Poe, Magruder, Hunter, and other distinguished men were students in 1825-1826.

## Orator of the Day.

The growing interest in Founder's Day was manifest in the spirit of faculty, students, and alumni, and were warranted by the unusual preparation given to it, resulting as it did in bringing to the university as guests and speakers some of the most distinguished men in the United States and England. Last year his excellency, the British Ambassador, Right Honorable James Bryce, was the orator of the day, and Prof. John B. Bury, of Cambridge University, was a guest of honor. To-day Hon. Martin W. Littleton, a son of the South, but for some years a distinguished resident of New York, was the chief speaker. His address was a most eloquent and appropriate discussion of "The reign of Democracy: Its blessings and its dangers." Should the shade of Jefferson himself have written upon the wall, we might guess that some words as these might have been seen to appear. President Alderman's statement this year had a unique interest, setting forth as it did the facts pertaining to the completion of the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Endowment Fund of \$1,000,000, and the disposition that is to be made of the income in furthering and developing the work of the institution.

But the faculty were not the only ones who were sociable at the university to-day. The students were also equal to the occasion. If they had not been they would have been forced to it, for their "best girls" were on the scene. This is always the case when Founder's Day falls within Easter Week, as it did this year. For years and years it has been a custom for the girls to come at Easter. From near and far the fair ones come, and there is always a particular student that knows when and where and why each one comes. They are designated as the "Easter Queens," and during the week they reign supreme. They have had the freedom of the city this week, and college and town have been gay because of them. The student shuts his eyes to the expense accounts each April, and the florists and li-crymen look forward to the occasion from year to year to the next as the one time of the season when they can pull themselves out of a hole.

## Games and Dances Held.

There were baseball games by day and dazzling games by night. The Phi Kappa, the Phi Beta, and other social clubs opened their castle halls, and the guests flocked in. The Phi Delta Phi had their famous goatings upon the moonlit steps of the rotunda, and the hot feet danced their coronation jig about the bronze statue of Homer (poor blind man), in front of Cabell Hall; the Ravens picked their honor men, and the beauties picked their best.

All was as happy as Arcady of old, and life flowed as a summer dream, till the Queens departed. They came with their trunks full of fairy creations, and went away with the students' hearts. Then came sadness. A gloom, thick, damp and depressing settled down where the fairies had skipped in the moonlight. The stern and likewise sad professor will soon be heard to call the roll. It will have a vague, unfamiliar sound, but it will become more real and definite a little later, when the youth betinks him of the approaching examinations and the degree he promised his girl to get. Then the fairy will come again in a dream, but assume a very stimulating pose of leadership, and the student will work his head off till the middle of June—all for her sake.

But Founder's Day was the real center of all this week of joy and happy meetings. It was the day of the replighting of love; the love of many sons for their foster mother, and the love of the mother for her sons.

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## Political and Otherwise.

Charleston, W. Va.—The government will give the West Virginia National Guard, with its 888 enlisted men, \$6,615 as allowance for ammunition. The government has divided the \$58,124 set aside for the guard according to the number of enlisted men in each State.

Shinnston, W. Va.—During the past week a second bank has been organized with a capital stock of \$45,000. The bank has purchased a site for \$4,500 and will start work in erecting a brick bank building. Property has advanced considerably since the oil boom.

Jordan Mines, Va.—Dr. J. H. Bell and Miss Elizabeth Spotts Harlow were married at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. J. H. Carpenter, Mr. Paul, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Clifton Forge, performing the simple but impressive ceremony, after which luncheon was served.

Charleston, W. Va.—The second Sunday in May, being the 9th, has been set aside as "Mother's Day" in West Virginia. Every person is requested to wear a carnation on this day, the emblem of purity and truth.

Norfolk, Va.—Burglars broke into the local post-office Sunday and stole a large quantity of stamps.

Wheeling, W. Va.—Insanity is the plea of Albert Ackerman, now on trial for taking \$300 from a man's pocket.

Roanoke, Va.—A small cloudburst over Roanoke Tuesday flooded the business section of town. Street cars had to stop and traffic was generally suspended for a half hour. No serious damage resulted.

Lynchburg, Va.—Mrs. Ada Blorton, aged forty-three, and a native of Lynchburg, died Monday night, after an illness of six weeks. She is survived by her husband and three children.

Luray, Va.—Mrs. Harvey Smilger, wife of a well known citizen of this county, died Monday at her home in Springfield district, ten miles north of Luray. A husband several children survive her.

Hagerstown, Md.—Alfred Kayne and

Overfatness Condemned.

Fat, or even fattish, women readers who want to be in the mode this year must understand that the demand is for lines, not curves, and govern themselves accordingly.

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wife, of Washington, have filed a bill in court here to have construed the will of the late Eliza J. Conklin, who owned real estate in Hagerstown and Frederick County, Md. Mrs. Kayne and daughter, Rose Lee Kayne, are beneficiaries under the will of Mrs. Conklin, but owing to difficulty in constructing the provisions in the document the court is asked to construe it.

Parkersburg, W. Va.—S. H. Mitchell, editor of the Kanawha News, was elected mayor of Elizabeth Monday by a vote that was almost unanimous. Elizabeth is the county seat of Wirt County, and is situated in the oil fields.

Parkersburg, W. Va.—Boss Stalnaker, a well-to-do oil operator, died Tuesday in the West Virginia Hotel, in this city, after a short illness. He was without relatives or friends here.

Parkersburg, W. Va.—Helen, two-year-old daughter of P. T. Foster, of Berchwood, a suburb, died here Tuesday evening from the effects of terrible burns. The child lived in agony for several hours.

Cumberland, Md.—A drama, "Daughters of Kentucky," written by Raymond Clark, an artist of Cumberland, and acted by local talent, Mr. Clark himself having a leading role, was presented before a large and appreciative audience at St. Peter and Paul's Hall, Cumberland, Monday night.

Cumberland, Md.—William Dilligan, aged nineteen, a son of James Dilligan, of Bristol, W. Va., was killed beneath the wheels of a Baltimore and Ohio freight train at Lynch, W. Va., last night.

Fairmont, W. Va.—Wesley Fisher, aged

sixty-eight, a pioneer resident of Fairmont, a Union veteran, is dead.

Cumberland, Md.—Samuel Mildish, a miner, was killed by a fall of slate at the Farmington mine, of the Georges Creek Coal and Coke Company.

Former Lynchburg Girl to Wed.

Lynchburg, Va., April 13.—Invitations have been received here to the marriage of Miss Mary Christian, formerly of this city, to Dr. Lewis Jefferson Moorman, of Oklahoma City, Okla., the wedding to take place at the White Temple Baptist Church in that city on April 27.

## Friends Loyal to Accused.

Lynchburg, Va., April 13.—Roy McKnight, who was arrested in Charlotte on charge of uttering a forged check, is a baseball player, having pitched for Danville. Last year he was with Raleigh, of the Eastern Carolina League. McKnight's friends scout the idea that he forged a check.

## Married at Hagerstown.

Hagerstown, Md., April 13.—William M. Holmes, aged fifty-eight years, of Sample Manor, this county, and Mrs. Mary Chalk, aged sixty-three, a widow, of Baltimore, were married in Hagerstown this afternoon by Rev. W. C. Griffith, of the Methodist Episcopal church.

## Dr. J. J. Thaxton Dead.

Durham, N. C., April 13.—Dr. J. J. Thaxton, aged ninety-one, and the oldest North Carolina physician, died this afternoon after an illness with asthma, which prevented him from attending to his practice for a few months.

## SETS SWEETHEART ON FIRE

Rejected Suitor Pours Oil on Girl and Then Applies Torch.

Goes to Her Room and First Throws Vitriol Into Her Face—Assailant Is Arrested.

Wheeling, W. Va., April 13.—Said to have been disappointed in his suit for marriage, Joseph White, twenty-eight years old, of this city, is alleged to have gone to the room of Magdalena Fortuna, fifteen years old, of Pittsburgh, to-day, and attempted to burn the girl to death. The girl was seriously burned. White was arrested.

It is alleged White carried a can of gasoline to the girl's room, saturating her clothing and the contents of the room. It is said he then threw vitriol over her and set fire to the place. The girl's screams brought help and the flames were extinguished. Miss Fortuna, however, was seriously burned about the head and body by the acid.

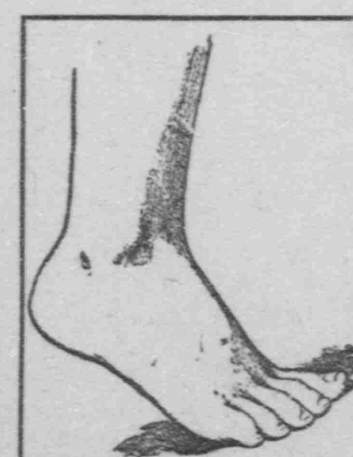
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